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Carta de fecha 22 de julio de 2009 dirigida al Presidente del Consejo de Seguridad por el Secretario General

Tengo el honor de hacer referencia al párrafo 2 del artículo 13 bis del Estatuto del Tribunal Internacional para el enjuiciamiento de los presuntos responsables de las violaciones graves del derecho internacional humanitario cometidas en el territorio de la ex Yugoslavia desde 1991, que dice así:

> "Cuando se produzca una vacante en las Salas entre los magistrados permanentes elegidos o designados de conformidad con lo dispuesto en el presente artículo, el Secretario General, tras celebrar consultas con el Presidente del Consejo de Seguridad y el Presidente de la Asamblea General, designará a una persona que reúna las condiciones a que se hace referencia en el artículo 13 del Estatuto para que desempeñe el cargo por el resto del período."

A este respecto, quisiera recordar que los magistrados Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana), Iain Bonomy (Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte) y Christine Van Den Wyngaert (Bélgica) dimitieron con efecto a partir del 10 de mayo, 31 de agosto y 1º de septiembre de 2009, respectivamente.

El Gobierno de Bélgica ha propuesto al Sr. Guy Delvoie para sustituir a la Magistrada Van Den Wyngaert. El Gobierno del Reino Unido ha propuesto al Sr. Howard Morrison para sustituir al Magistrado Bonomy. A este respecto, cabe señalar que a principios de este año, tras indicar mi intención al Consejo de Seguridad, nombré al Sr. Morrison magistrado del Tribunal Especial para el Líbano. Sin embargo, dada la dificultad para encontrar magistrados con la experiencia necesaria para asumir el cargo en el Tribunal Internacional en el corto espacio de tiempo disponible, y habida cuenta de que es poco probable que los magistrados del Tribunal Especial comiencen a desempeñar sus funciones hasta el primer trimestre de 2010, el Gobierno del Reino Unido ha decidido proponer al Sr. Morrison para el puesto de magistrado del Tribunal Internacional. El Sr. Morrison dimitió de su cargo de magistrado del Tribunal Especial con efecto a partir del 14 de julio de 2009.

En lo que respecta a la sustitución del magistrado Shahabuddeen, el Gobierno de Guyana indicó que no estaba en condiciones de proponer un candidato para reemplazarle. Por consiguiente, ha pedido que solicitemos posibles candidatos a otros Estados de esa región. A consecuencia de esas consultas, el Gobierno de las Bahamas ha propuesto para el cargo de magistrado permanente a Sir Burton Hall, en la actualidad magistrado ad lítem del Tribunal Internacional sin que se le haya asignado caso alguno.

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Se adjuntan los curricula vitae de los Sres. Guy Delvoie, Howard Morrison y Sir Burton Hall (véase el anexo)*.

En mi opinión, los candidatos citados reúnen las condiciones previstas en el artículo 13 del Estatuto del Tribunal Internacional. Considero asimismo que su nombramiento aseguraría la debida representación de los principales sistemas jurídicos mundiales en el Tribunal, conforme a lo dispuesto en el apartado c) del párrafo 1 del artículo 13 bis del Estatuto.

De conformidad con el párrafo 2 del artículo 13 bis del Estatuto del Tribunal Internacional, espero con interés conocer su opinión sobre el nombramiento de los Sres. Delvoie, Morrison y Sir Burton Hall para el cargo de magistrados permanentes del Tribunal Internacional.

(*Firmado*) **Ban** Ki-moon

* El anexo se distribuye únicamente en el idioma en que se presentó.

Anexo

Curricula vitae

Guy Delvoie

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
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E-mail	guy.delvoie@skynet.be
Nationality	Belgian
Date of birth	20 august 1947
Office	**Court of appeals of Brussels**
Address	Palais de Justice Place poelaert, B- 1000 Brussels BELGIUM
Telephone	32 2 508 66 37
E-mail	guy.delvoie@just.fgov.be

WORK EXPERIENCE **(acquired in full time jobs)**	
• Dates (from – to)	**April 2007 - present**
• Name and address of employer	Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.
• Type of business or sector	Brussels Court of appeals
• Occupation or position held	***President of the Brussels Court of appeals*** The bilingual Brussels court is Belgian's premier court of appeals.
• Main activities and responsibilities	Presiding over the Brussels Court of appeals, a jurisdiction with some 70 full time professional judges handling appeals cases (criminal proceedings, civil, commercial and tax matters). Representation of the Court. Organising it's functioning. Controlling, to a certain degree the lower courts within its jurisdiction.

• Dates (from – to)	**October 1995 - March 2007**
• Name and address of employer	Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.
• Type of business or sector	Brussels Court of appeals
• Occupation or position held	***Judge and Section President***
• Main activities and responsibilities	Presiding over a section of the Court of appeals; handling and deciding appeals cases in civil and tax matters as well as criminal proceedings
• Dates (from – to)	**JUNE 1998- DECEMBER 2003**
• Name and address of employer	Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.
• Type of business or sector	Brussels Court of appeals
• Occupation or position held	**Court Manager**
• Main activities and responsibilities	Special office whereby one of the Section Presidents is appointed to oversee and coordinate management of the Court as a whole

	MAY 1985- OCOBER 1995
• Name and address of employer	Belgian Judiciary – Department Justice, avenue de Waterloo 115, B-1000 Brussels.
• Type of business or sector	Brussels Court of appeals
• Occupation or position held	**Judge**
• Main activities and responsibilities	Handling and deciding appeals cases, in civil and tax matters as well as in criminal cases.
• Dates (from – to)	**SEPTEMBER 1980 – MAY 1985**
• Name and address of employe	Belgian Judiciary – Department of Justice
• Type of business or sector	Brussels Court of first instance
• Occupation or position held	**Judge**
• Main activities and responsibilities	Handling and deciding cases at district court level, in civil, cases and in criminal proceedings
• Occupation or position held	**Researcher**
• Main activities and responsibilities	Conducting academic research and preparing academic publications

• Dates (from – to)	**SEPTEMBER 1972 – SEPTEMBER 1980**
• Type of business or sector	Brussels Bar
• Occupation or position held	**Attorney,**
• Main activities and responsibilities	associate to a member of the Supreme Court Bar; preparing and trying cases before Belgium’s Supreme Court

WORK EXPERIENCE **(acquired in secondary activities)**	
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*1999 - 2003* ***Member of the academic board*** *of the "Justice in the World Foundation", (with headquarters in Madrid, Spain)*
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*1987* - 2000 ***Member of the First Study Commission*** *of the International Association of Judges ((International study commission within the I.A.J., The commission prepares and reviews comparative studies on matters of judicial organisation)* **Chairperson** 1995 - 2000 **Vice-chairperson** 1991 - 1995 **Belgian reporter** 1987 – 1991
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*January 1993 - April 1995* ***Member of the Flemish Council for Advertisement and Endorsements on Radio and Television***
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*September 1991 - June-1996* ***Lecturer*** *at the Flemish School for Higher Education in Business; lecturing in the graduate program "Master in Tax Management"*
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*1987 – 1997* ***Founder and editor-in-chief*** *of the Belgian Review for Civil Law*
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*1987 – 1991* ***Member of the Dispute Resolution Council for Non-Public Radio and Television Providers***
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*September 1985 - June 1990* ***Lecturer*** *at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels) for the course "Ethics of the Legal Profession"*
• *Dates (from – to)* *Type of activity*	*February 1974 - 30 June 1985* ***Assistant professor*** *at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels) for the course Family Law (Prof. Dr. G. Baeteman)*

EDUCATION AND TRAINING	
• Dates (from – to)	*June 1999 – May 2000 (3 weeks stay in Williamsburg in June 1999 - writing a paper on a specific court management project - stay of one week in Washington DC in May 2000)*
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	*Institute for Court Management, National Centre for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.*
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	***Court management***
• Title of qualification awarded	*Fellow of the Institute for Court Management*

• Dates (from – to)	*1997*
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	*Department of Justice, Office of Continuous Learning for Judges*
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	***Court management***
• Title of qualification awarded	*Certificate of completion*

• Dates (from – to)	*1997*
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	*Stichting Studiecentrum Rechtspleging (Dutch institute for judges' training), Zutphen the Netherlands, 1997*
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	***Court management***
• Title of qualification awarded	*Certificate of completion*

• Dates (from – to)	*August 1973 and august 1974(first and second cycle)*
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	*Faculté de droit comparé de l'Université de Strasbourg (School of Comparative Law of the University of Strasbourg, France).*
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	***Comparative Law***
• Title of qualification awarded	*Diploma first cycle and diploma second cycle*

• Dates (from – to)	*September 1968 – June 1972*
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	*Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels)*
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	***Law degree** (5 years of legal education)*
• Title of qualification awarded	*Licencié en droit (JD equivalent), magna cum laude*

LANGUAGE SKILLS	
MOTHER TONGUE	**DUTCH**
OTHER LANGUAGES	**FRENCH** **(SECOND LANGUAGE, DAYLY USED IN THE BILINGUAL BRUSSELS COURT)**
• Reading skills	excellent
• Writing skills	excellent see publications in French
• Verbal skills	excellent
	ENGLISH
• Reading skills	excellent
• Writing skills	excellent see publication in English
• Verbal skills	excellent
	GERMAN
• Reading skills	very good
• Writing skills	good
• Verbal skills	good

JOB REQUIREMENTS	*All judges shall be persons of high moral character, impartiality and integrity who possess the qualifications required in their respective countries for appointment to the highest judicial offices…* *with experience in the fields of criminal law or international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law.*
SKILLS AND COMPETENCES RELATED TO THE JOB REQUIREMENTS	The applicants appointment in April 2007 to one of the highest judicial offices in Belgium (president of the Brussels Court of appeals, in the Belgian Judiciary only outranked by the position of president of the Supreme Court) gives evidence as to the first requirement above. A solid experience in criminal law has been acquired in the course of a career of almost 30 years within the Belgian Judiciary (see details below) while judging criminal cases on the first instance level as well as in the appellate court and also in the “Cour d’assises” (jury trial). Ability to formulate independent judgment in sensitive and complex matters and unquestionable impartiality and integrity is evidenced by an outstanding judicial career, including years as Section President of criminal, civil and Tax sections of the Court of appeals of Brussels, and a term as Court Manager. . Knowledge of different legal systems and international legal matters acquired trough comparative studies and trough very active involvement, in the First Study Commission of the International Association of Judges, including five years as chairperson of the Commission.

	Proven record of French and English language proficiency, both in a domestic environment ((French) and in an international legal environment (verifiable e.g. through graduation from a U.S. Court management program and preparation of a 70 pages-long paper on court management in English).

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES .	Successful completion of various Court management programs in Belgium, The Netherlands and the United States of America. Numerous years as section president and a five-year term as Cour Manager of the Brussels Court of appeals. The latter position involves the organisation and management of Belgium's premier (and bilingual) appellate court..

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES	Excellent PC-skills, including knowledge of WORD, EXCEL and POWER POINT

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HHJ Howard Morrison CBE QC

Born Kent UK 1949

Pots-school VSO service Ghana 1968-9 the London University[law graduate LLB] Military service [Subaltern, Queen's Regt and subsequently Para Regt TAVR then RARO] and then development work in West and Central Africa [VSO officer responsible for Zambia and Malawi] Post-grad Bar final, Inns of Court School of Law, called to Bar by Grays Inn in 1977.

Private practice as a barrister from 1977 -1985 doing criminal, civil and family law cases when appointed as a Resident then Chief Magistrate of Fiji and, concurrently, Senior Magistrate of Tuvalu. Took Magistracy through first of two military coups intact, the second coup dismantled the constitution.

1988-89 Served as Attorney General of Anguilla getting anti drugs legislation through a very hostile Parliament and local legal community 1989- 2004 practice on the UK Midland Circuit in crime, sitting as a Assistant Recorder [1993] and Recorder [1997] in crime, family and civil cases. Appointed Queen's Counsel 2001.

In practice prosecuted cases for the Crown Prosecution Service, Customs and Excise and the Serious Fraud Office at the highest prosecutorial grade in each case and defended in the most serious rape and murder cases. Defence practice included Courts Martial in UK and Germany.

From 1997-2004 defending at the UN International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda defending in genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes allegations including two camp commanders [ICTY][Mucic and Nikolic] and a former Rwandan government Minister [Mugenzi][ICTR] charged with genocide. Created the procedure for dealing with cases of diminished responsibility at the ICTY in the case of Kovocavic.

Wide knowledge of international criminal and humanitarian and human rights law and a particular knowledge of the jurisprudence of the ad-hoc Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, in particular command and superior responsibility and the three modes of joint criminal enterprise.

Various publications mostly in the field of International criminal law.

Member of the Race Relations and Equal Opportunities Committees of the Bar Council 1994-2003.

Master of the Bench, Grays Inn 2008

Appointed Circuit Judge December 2004. Authority to try all classes of cases. Extensive experience of teaching advocacy [Grays Inn] and international criminal, humanitarian and human rights issues at universities and conferences/seminars in the Middle East [Iraq, Dubai, Syria, Jordan and Egypt} , Australia [Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Castan Human Rights Centre, Monash University], Europe [including guest lecturer at the Scoula Superiore at the University of Cantania, Sicily] 2007 German Bar Conference, 2008 Chaired meeting of the completion strategies for the ICTY/ICTR, European University at Florence. 2009 Co-chair expert meeting of the Amsterdam Centre of Interdisciplinary Research on International Crimes and Security and the USA for the IBA, British Council and independently. OBE [Services to Fiji] (1988), CBE [Services to international law] (2007)
Appointed visiting Senior Judge for the Sovereign Base Areas, Cyprus 2007.

Appointed Trial Judge by the UN Sec General for the Special Tribunal for the Lebanon 2009

Member of Fijian and Eastern Caribbean Bars
Member of Justice, the Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates Association and British Institute for International and Comparative Law
Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society
Member of the Advisory Board, OUP Journal of International Criminal Law.
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Sir Burton Hall, Kt., KSS,
Chief Justice and Head of the Judiciary
(5 September 2001 - present)
Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Birth: Nassau, The Bahamas, 10 December 1947

Education:

Sir Burton received an LL. B degree, with Honours, from the University of the West Indies in 1974 and the Legal Education Certificate of the Council of Legal Education of the West Indies in 1976.

Professional Life:

Sir Burton began his public service career in 1968 and served as a Probation Officer and Clerk in the House of Assembly before he began his legal studies.

He entered the Office of the Attorney General as an Assistant Counsel following his admission to the Bar in 1976. He progressed through the ranks of that Office (acting as a Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate for two years) and held the post of Solicitor General when he was appointed to act as a Justice of the Supreme Court in October of 1990. As Solicitor General, he represented The Bahamas at several regional conferences dealing with drug trafficking and economic crimes.

He was confirmed as a Justice of the Supreme Court with effect form 1 February 1991 and served in that office (presiding over criminal, civil, constitutional and family matters) until he was appointed to the Court of Appeal on 1 April 1997. He demitted office as a Justice of Appeal on 4 September 2001 in order to assume his present post as Chief Justice and Head of the Judiciary.

During 1998, Mr. Justice Hall, as he referred to then, was appointed Chairman of the National Crime Commission. The Commission presented its report to the Government on 30 November of that year.

In 1999 Sir Burton was appointed to serve a three-year term as a member of the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, and, in 2002, was appointed for a further, and final, three-year term which ended in 2004.

In August of 2005, Sir Burton was elected by the General Assembly of the United Nations an *ad litem* Judge to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

In addition to his present duties, he is also Course Director in Constitutional Law and Legal Systems at the Eugene Dupuch Law School, Council of Legal Education.

In June of 2002, having completed the programme of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute at Dalhousie University School of Law, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, Sir Burton became a Fellow of that Institute.

Honours and Awards:

As is customary in The Bahamas, on becoming Chief Justice, Sir Burton was made a Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II (who has continued as the constitutional Head of State of The Bahamas since Independence in 1973).

In 2003, he was made a Knight of the Order of St Sylvester by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. In 2004, Sir Burton was awarded the Pelican Alumni Peer award as outstanding alumnus of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

Professional Memberships:

Sir Burton is a member of: the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Lawyers' Association; the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, and the International Law Association, and holds associate membership in the American Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

Family Life:

Married with three children and two grandchildren